

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price

# District 3 Slate

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A large, circular wreath made of dark green holly leaves and clusters of bright red berries, framing the central text.

*Cherished  
Holidays  
from  
Supervisor Pam  
Slater-Price*



## AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

### News of Note

#### Accuracy Is Worth Noting

**M**aking every dollar count is key not only this holiday season but on every shopping experience. One way to stretch a dollar is to make sure you are paying the price listed for an item. Audits done throughout the year by the county Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures found that about half of the 1,011 locations visited had pricing errors with their scanners, with shoppers 3.5 times more likely to be overcharged than undercharged. Shoppers should verify their receipts and notify store management of any discrepancies. To report a complaint, call (888) 878-3722 or visit [www.sdcawm.org](http://www.sdcawm.org).



#### WAY Program Is Way To Go

A county program assisting former foster youth is one of three recipients of the nationwide MetLife Foundation 2008 Volunteers Enrich America's Award of Excellence. WAY - Workforce Academy for Youth - was honored for bringing together job and senior life "coaches" to mentor participants. About 40 county departments participate in the program.

#### Chinese, San Diego Vets Meet

Looking to safeguard public health, county Veterinarian Nikos Gurfield recently hosted counterpart Ma Lijia, the director of Animal Epidemic Supervision Office for Liaoning provenience in China, that included a tour of San Diego's diagnostic laboratory. The two public health officials discussed such issues as avian influenza and emergency programs for foot and mouth disease.

#### Parks Great Places To Escape

Getting outdoors is wonderful. The County of San Diego has several parks ([www.sdparks.org](http://www.sdparks.org)) ready for your visit:

- Dos Picos, featuring its ancient oak groves and rock paintings.
- Guajome, showing where early settlers lived at the rancho.
- Agua Caliente, known for its mineral springs pools and desert views.



### 25 YEARS OF RECYCLING RECOGNIZED!

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price awards a proclamation to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation. Accepting the award is Sandy Atkinson, the center's executive director. Supervisor Slater-Price has always been a strong supporter of recycling and environmental protection.

## Seniors - Learn Ways To Protect Yourself, Savings

**S**enior citizens are often seen as easy "marks," vulnerable to nefarious scams, ripoff schemes and, worse, physical altercations. Seniors do not need to live their lives in fear, however.

Seniors can learn the strategies to protect themselves and their savings during a special, free senior Expo, "Be Smart, Get Tough!"

"It is a sad statement that there are those who prey on the elderly, either by gaining their confidence to invest in some dubious scam or through physical attack," said Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. "These forms of personal terrorism can be prevented if seniors would only take a few moments to educate themselves. This is the purpose of this county-sponsored event."

Representatives from the county Adult Protective Services and District Attorney's Office will teach ways to recognize and avoid scams, bogus lotteries, real estate ripoffs, identify theft and other forms of fraud.

The highlight of the expo is a demonstration by Mary Davis, a 69-year-old, third-degree blackbelt instructor from USA Freestyle Martial Arts. She will show simple but effective techniques for a senior to use to defend themselves if they are ever attacked.

The expo takes place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at the Encinitas community Library, 540 Cornish Drive in Encinitas.

Call (800) 510-2020 and press 4 to record your name and phone number to reserve your space.



## Numbers On Plastic Bags Frightening

**T**he average person uses more than 500 plastic bags annually. Consumers in the United States use 100 billion of the bags, which are a non-renewable resource, each year.

In 2007, more than 9,300 bags were picked up from San Diego County beach-

es during monthly cleanups.

You can do your part to stem this wave of plastic by volunteering for one of the monthly, two-hour cleanups.

More information is available through the San Diego Coastkeeper website at [www.sdcoastkeeper.org](http://www.sdcoastkeeper.org).



# AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

## A NEW DAY FOR SAN DIEGUITO LAGOON

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price leads dedication of 74 acres of new wetlands east of Interstate 5.



With the opening of a temporary berm (above), water begins flowing into the San Dieguito Lagoon wetlands east of Interstate 5. The area is already home to waterfowl (right).



Supervisor Slater-Price chats with Mike Furby of Marthon Construction, the project leader (left), and Dr. Howard Chang, who helped design the wetlands.



A father holds his son (left) who watches intently as the eastern section of the San Dieguito Lagoon is flooded. Supervisor Slater-Price (above) proudly wears a t-shirt that demonstrates her support for the project.



## AROUND THE THIRD DISTRICT

### Groups Gain With Grants

**L**ibrary programs for children, preparing holidays baskets for the less fortunate, and fostering a love for science are three of the purposes honored with community project grants awarded to non-profit organizations serving the residents of the Third District.

"These grants help our communities by promoting tourism, building neighborhood roots, and introducing children to the arts, which results in a better understanding of community and makes for better citizens," explained Supervisor Slater-Price.

A few of the grants put forth by Supervisor Slater-Price and approved by the Board of Supervisors include:

- **Friends of the Solana Beach Library**, \$3,000 to offset costs of the "Friends Night Out" program.
- **San Diego Science Alli-**



**S**upervisor Pam Slater-Price presented a proclamation at the Nov. 18 board meeting to Vision of Children Foundation co-founders Vivian and Sam Hardage. Joining the supervisor for the ceremony are the foundation's Michelle Pius and Kristy Winters.

**ance**, \$2,500 to cover costs of the venue and supplies for the High Tech Fair that takes place March 11, 2009 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

- **San Diego Women's Film Foundation**, \$5,000 to assist with contracting for a program director, lead instructor and mentors for the "Divas Direct Advanced" program. Funds will

also be used on educational materials, marketing and website maintenance.

- **Community Resource Center**, \$5,000 to purchase supplies and food for the 26th annual Holiday Baskets Drive that assists the less fortunate in the north coastal region.

- **Playwrights Project**, \$20,000 to cover contractual obligations

and teaching artists involved in the in-school playwriting program.

- **Cardiff-by-the-Sea Chamber of Commerce**, \$4,000 to host the Cardiff-by-the-Sea GREEN Awareness Expo that took place Dec. 7, and for hardware and other materials to build reusable trees for the Dec. 11 Cardiff Kringle Mingle event.

- **Kids Korps USA**, \$5,000 for marketing and rentals for the February 2009 Eco Ball as well as the spring 2009 Green Korps Fest.

- **San Diego Project Heartbeat**, \$17,680 to purchase 650 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) "Anytime" kits, and to cover costs of marketing and printing to implement the "Anytime" program at Westview High School and other schools.

- **Civic Youth Orchestra**, \$15,000 to purchase musical equipment and to cover rental costs at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido for a April 5, 2009 youth concert.

- **Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County**, \$25,000 to offset costs of hosting its annual Gingerbread City fund-raiser.

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